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1. KOREA

WSJ NOTES ROK OFFICIAL BELIEF FAMILY-OWNED FIRMS WON'T BE ABLE KEEP PACE WITH INTENSIFYING INTL COMPETITION -- THEREFORE ENCOURAGES FIRMS GO PUBLIC BY GRANTING TAX INCENTIVES UNDER 1973 "PUBLIC CORPORATION INDUCEMENT LAW." SAYS 157 FIRMS NOW LIST SHARES, UP FROM ONLY 72 BEFORE LAW ENACTED.

2. JAPAN

SUN'S SEIDEN LIKES LITTLE ABOUT JAPANESE PRODUCTION OF UNCLASSIFIED

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"KING LEAR", HIT-OF-MONTH IN DOWNTOWN TOKYO THEATER DISTRICT. SAYS BROAD, STYLIZED GESTURES OF VETERAN KABUKI ACTOR SOMEGORO ICHIKAWA TURN INTO "CARICATURE RATHER THAN CHARACTER." DESCRIBES PRODUCTION AS

NOTHING MORE THAN "SOAP OPERA" IN STYLE OF INTERNATIONAL TV MELODRAMA KNOWN IN JAPAN AS/FAMILY DU-RAMA."

NIPPON MINING SAYS PLANS RAISE LEAD PRODUCTION TO 1,980 TONS MONTH IN AUGUST, FROM CURRENT LEVEL OF 1,650 TONS,

BECAUSE INVENTORIES HAVE RETURNED TO NORMAL LEVELS (WSJ, TOKYO).

3. THAILAND

KUKRIT SAYS MIL AGREEMENTS WITH US NO LONGER VALID, SETS NEXT MARCH 20 AS DEADLINE FOR US WITHDRAWAL. ADDS RTG STILL MEMBER SEATO, BUT DESCRIBES TREATY AS "MEANINGLESS" (UPI NYT, NYDN; CHITRIB; WP). RTG OFFICIALS WELCOME CAMBODIA'S BID ESTABLISH DIP, TRADE RELS (WSTAR 7/26). KUKRIT'S STATEMENT THAT RTG DESIRES FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH CAMBODIA PRAISED IN PP RADIO (WP).

4. INDOCHINA

NEW SVN GOVT'S FIRST DELEGATES TO UN ARRIVE NY (AP, SUN; WP), SAY WILL SEEK UN MEMBERSHIP FOR NEW REGIME, NVN (AP, SUN).

THIEU IN TAIWAN APPLIES FOR VISA TO VISIT FAMILY IN BRITAIN (CSM). LONDON SOURCES SAY NO APPARENT REASON VISA SHOULD NOT BE ISSUED (WP).

SUNNINGDALE OF CANADA REPORTS INTERESTED IN RETURNING TO WORK IN WATERS OFF SVN, BUT HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH PRG. MOBIL INDICATES WOULD WELCOME FURTHER EXPLORATION IN AREA IF AGREEMENT COULD BE WORKED WITH COMMUNISTS, SUBJECT TO USG APPROVAL (WSJ).

SENATE COMMITTEE LOOKS INTO ALLEGATIONS CIA COUNTERFEITED UNCLASSIFIED

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US DOLS DURING VN WAR TO FINANCE SECRET OPNS (AP SUN, NYT). ACCORDING DETROIT FREE PRESS, TIP CAME FROM VN VET WHO SAID CIA PRINTED OWN MONEY TO AVOID ACCOUNTABILITY TO CONGRESS (AP, SUN).

LAT ADMITS STORY OF LAST ROUND OF US BOMBING IN SVN, DENIED BY WH AND DOD, CONTAINED ERRORS. SAYS PERSISTENT INVESTIGATION FAILED TURN UP HARD EVIDENCE THAT SIGNIFICANT NUMBER BOMBS DROPPED IN SVN DURING EVACUATION (MCARTHUR, LAT 7/25).

5. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

KY'S AGENT HOPES BOOK HIM FOR 1-2 SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS WKLY AT 2500 DOLS EACH. ASKED IF WOULD USE MONEY HELP FELLOW REFUGEES, KY SMILED, SAID, "NO, THE MONEY IS MY PERSONAL AFFAIR (AP, CSM).

NEARLY 1200 VIET REFUGEES ON WELFARE IN LA COUNTY, APPARENTLY BECAUSE SPONSORS RAN INTO FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES (CSM). FINDING HOMES FOR REFUGEES IS BIGGEST PROBLEM. OTHER DIFFICULTIES INCLUDE BRINGING VIET DEPENDENTS OF AMCITS OUT OF VN, RETURNING VIETS WHO WANT REPATRIATION, DETERMINING IF "ORPHANS" HAVE PARENTS BACK HOME, TRYING LEARN MORE ABOUT MIAS (PRESS, CSM). OVER 300 UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN POSE REFUGEE PROBLEM SINCE PARENTS DID NOT RELEASE FOR ADOPTION. OFFICIALS SEEK IDEAS ON HOW TO HANDLE (KNEELAND, NYT). INS SAYS ONLY 57 REFUGEES BEING HELD FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION, WITH 35 CONSIDERED "SERIOUS CASES." CHECKS ON ALMOST ALL REFUGEES NOW COMPLETE (NYT, IN LAT 7/27)

6. CHINA

PRC LAUNCHES 3RD EARTH SATELLITE SINCE 1970, COMPLETE WITH POLICY LINE PROMOTING "PREPAREDNESS AGAINST WAR." SOME OBSERVERS THINK LAUNCHING RELATED TO ICBM DEVELOPMENT (WP; AP, NYDN; WSJ; CSM).

PRC ACCUSES SOVIETS STIRRING UP ANGOLAN CIVIL WAR BY CREATING DISSENSION AMONG RIVAL POLITICAL GROUPS, SHIPPING ARMS UNDER GUISE OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES (UPI, NYDN, WP).
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BISHOP/HOUSE (WSJ) REPORT USDA EXPERIMENTING WITH "LANDSAT" MINI-SATELLITES WHICH CIRCLE GLOBE AND MEASURE SUNLIGHT REFLECTION IN ATTEMPT PREDICT CROP SIZES. LANDSAT SATELLITES ALREADY RECORDING SIZE PRC'S HARVESTS, BUT INABILITY TO CHECK RESULTS AGAINST ACTUAL GROUND MEASUREMENTS MAKE SYSTEM UNRELIABLE.

US, ROC NAVAL SHIPS CONCLUDE WEEK-LONG WAR GAME NAMED "OPERATION SHARK HUNTING" OFF SOUTHERN TAIWAN. EXERCISE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH US-TAIWAN MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY; TERMED "VERY SUCCESSFUL" (AP, NYDN, PHINQ, WP).

Y. AUSTRALIA

PM WHITLAM'S RECOGNITION OF SOVIET SOVEREIGNTY OVER LATVIA, LITHUANIA, ESTONIA, MADE WITHOUT CABINET APPROVAL, CAUSING IRRITATION AMONG IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY. CRITICS BELIEVE HIS ACTION MAY HAVE JEOPARDIZED RELATIONS WITH OTHER NATIONS NOT RECOGNIZING SOVIET CLAIMS; SITUATION MAY ALSO COST HIM VOTES IN NEXT NATL ELECTION (VICKERS, CSM).

FARRELL LINES PLANS EXPAND STEAMSHIP OPERATION WITH SER-

VICE FROM W COAST TO AUSTRALIA IMMEDIATELY AFTER FEDERAL
APPROVAL OBTAINED (BAMBERGER, NYT).
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COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. KOREA

AMONG MANY PROBLEMS FACING US AS 30 YEARS OF HEGEMONY
OVER "FREE ASIA" ENDS SHACKFORD (SUN) STATES SEVEREST
TESTS COULD COME IN KOREA WHERE AMERICANS HAVE FOUGHT
ONE WAR, AND THERE CONCERN US MAY STUMBLE INTO ANOTHER
GREAT TRAGEDY. NOTES "THOUGHTLESS, HARD-LINE TALK"
AND UNSPECIFIED HAK SUGGESTION IN JAPAN SOCIETY SPEECH
THAT "WE SHALL ALSO SEEK ALL HONORABLE WAYS TO REDUCE
TENSIONS AND CONFRONTATIONS:" ASKS WHAT WOULD BE
MORE HONORABLE THAN EFFORT TO GET SIX NATIONS CRITICALLY
INVOLVED TO SEEK AGREEMENT TO MAINTAIN STATUS QUO IN
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KOREA, STOP TALK ABOUT "GOING NORTH" OR "GOING SOUTH"
OR "USING NUCLEAR WEAPONS?" (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

IN LETTER TO NYT (7/26) GARI LEDYARD (PROFESSOR OF
KOREA HISTORY, COLUMBIA U) DEPLORES LACK OF PUBLIC
DISCUSSION OF SECDEF STATEMENTS ABOUT FIRST-STRIKE
NUCLEAR OPTIONS IN KOREA. CALLS FOR END OF POLICY
GUIDED BY PAROCHIAL ELEMENTS IN SK, JAPAN AND DOD --
SUGGESTS NEW POLICY LOOKING BEYOND TWO KOREAS
TO UNIFIED, STABLE PENINSULA, SINCE NOTHING SHORT
OF UNIFICATION WILL RESOLVE CRUEL DILEMMAS OF KOREA.

WP'S KESSLER IN FIRST OF TWO PART SERIES (7/27) DESCRIBES
TONG SUN PARK, WHO REGULARLY ENTERTAINS TOP LEADERS
OF USG AS ONE OF WASHINGTON'S MOST ACCOMPLISHED "POWER
BROKERS." CITES US BUSINESSMEN WHO SAY PARK TOLD
THEM HE AGENT FOR ROKG IN RICE TRANSACTIONS; QUOTES
ROBT FREELAND, EXEC V-P OF CALIF RICE GROWERS ASSN,
THAT "HE SOLVED OUR PROBLEMS" AFTER COOP BEGAN PAYING
COMMISSIONS TO PARK. QUOTES ANOTHER THAT "PARK SAYS
IF YOU DON'T DEAL WITH ME, I'LL CLOBBER YOU IN KOREA."
ALSO CITES FRIENDS WHO SAY PARK MAN OF TASTE,
CHARM, GRACIOUS HOST, AND PROMOTER OF GOOD WILL BETWEEN
AMERICAN, KOREAN PEOPLE. NOTES REP PASSMAN PHOTOGRAPHED
WITH PARK IN 1972 BY CROWLEY, LA, NEWSMAN, WHO HE TOLD
AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE (PARK) PLACED HIS STAMP OF APPROVAL"
ON MILLION-TON RICE SALE, AND WOULD DISCUSS WITH PRES
PARK. QUOTES PASSMAN SAYING NOW AS TRYING IMPRESS
PEOPLE THAT RICE SALE ON TRACKS -- "THE FELLOW IS BRAZEN"
AND "I DO NOT ACCEPT HIS FAVORS HERE OR IN KOREA. MAYBE
I HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE WITH THE MAN."

IN SECOND PART OF SERIES WP'S MORGAN IN NEW ORLEANS
SAYS PARK CAME TO LOUISIANA TO MAKE WHAT THEN REP
EDWIN EDWARDS BELIEVED WAS OFFER OF CASE CONTRIBUTION
TO HIS GUBERNATORIAL CAMPAIGN. CITES GOV EDWARDS DENIAL
THAT ACCEPTED CONTRIBUTION, AND TO THIS DAY HAS NO IDEA
WHY PARK WANTED HELP HIM. SPECIFICALLY NOTES GOV EDWARDS
DENIAL OF ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN OFFER AND OWN CENTRAL
ROLE AS CONGRESSMAN IN ARRANGING SUBSIDIZED 60 MILLION
DOL FEDERAL LOAN TO ROK TO BUY MOST OF STATE'S UNSOLD
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SURPLUS RICE IN 1971. ADDS IRS, JUSTICE DEPT HAVE BEEN
INQUIRING INTO EDWARD'S GUBERNATORIAL CAMPAIGN FUNDING
FOR SOME TIME.

9. JAPAN/KOREA

LAT'S JAMESON (7/25) STATES DIPLOMATIC NOTE MIYAZAWA
ACCEPTED FROM ROK IN SEOUL THURSDAY AS "POLITICAL
SOLUTION" TO KIM TAE-CHUNG KIDNAPPING ISSUE EXPECTED
"REMOVE EMOTIONAL LOGJAM" FOR INCREASED POLITICAL,
ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN JAPAN, ROK; ALSO EXPECTED
HAVE LITTLE EFFECT ON ILL FEELINGS TOWARD SK PREVALENT
AMONG JAPANESE, AND LARGE SEGMENT OF DIET, WHERE EVEN
SOME LDP MEMBERS CALLED ACCEPTANCE "SELLOUT" TO SKOREANS.
NOTES ACCEPTANCE UNDERSCORES INTENTIONS OF MIKI, MIYAZAWA
TO PUT PRIORITY ON IMPORTANCE OF SK SECURITY TO JAPAN'S
OWN. ADDS SK SECURITY EXPECTED BE MAJOR TOPIC WHEN MIKI
MEETS FORD IN WASHINGTON AUG 5-6.

10. JAPAN

BRADEN (WP (7/26) FINDS IN TOKYO TOO MANY CARS, SUCH
OVERWHELMING INDUSTRIALIZATION, ENERGY AND WATER SHORTAGES,
URBAN SPAWL, INFLATION, DEPRESSION, OVERCOMMUNICATION,
STRAIN OF HIGH LIVING THAT AMERICAN VISITORS MAY WELL
FEEL HAVE NEVER LEFT HOME. NOTES RESEMBLANCES LUCKILY
ARE ALSO AFFINITIES -- JAPAN LAST RELIABLE ALLY WE
HAVE LEFT IN FE, AND US ONLY DEMOCRATIC GOVT TO WHICH
JAPAN CAN TURN. ONE EVE OF MIKI VISIT TO US NEXT MONTH
TO REMIND "WE NEED EACH OTHER," STATES JAPAN AND US
SEEM BEST BET TO PROVE WHETHER CAPITALIST DEMOCRACY
HAS ANY FUTURE. BUT CAUTIONS BOTH NATIONS MUST
CONSULT MORE THAN IN PAST, AND MUST STOP TAKING EACH OTHER
FOR GRANTED -- JAPANESE LEARN ENGLISH, BUT SPEND VIRTUALLY
NOTHING ON OWN DEFENSE IN ASSUMPTION "BIG BROTHER" WILL
TAKE CARE OF THEM; WHILE NOT ONE US COLLEGE IN HUNDRED
TEACHES JAPANESE, AND WE ASSUME JAPAN WILL FALL INTO LINE
WITH WHATEVER FOREIGN POLICY DECISION WE TAKE.

11. CHINA

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KUMPA (SUN, 7/27) BELIEVES RECENT HOUSE DECISION REGARDING TURKISH ARMS HAS STRATEGIC REVERBERATIONS IN PRC. STATES PEKING OFFICIALS DESIRE STRONG NATO FORCE ON SOVIET WESTERN BORDERS, AND ANY STEP MARRING NATO CREDIBILITY FLAWS PEKING'S STRATEGIC THINKING.

WILSON (GLOBE) SAYS PRC CHALLENGING CHRISTIANITY WITH PARADOX: CHINESE HAVE EXPUNGED CHRISTIAN PRESENCE, YET HAVE CONSTRUCTED SOCIETY IN WHICH CHRISTIAN ETHIC SEEMS TO FLOURISH. STATES CHURCHES SHOULD QUESTION HOW PRC REVOLUTION IMPLEMENTING SUCH ETHIC "WITHOUT BENEFIT OF CROSS OR CLERGY."

12. INDOCHINA

CSM'S GODSELL SAYS SVN STILL OUTWARDLY SEPARATE ENTITY, BUT HAS BEEN POLITICALLY, "PSYCHICALLY" TAKEN OVER BY NVN. SEES POLICY DECISION FOR SOUTH MADE BY LAO DONG POLITBURO IN HANOI, AND OFFICIAL LITERATURE REFERS TO "SEPARATE" PRP AS "SOUTHERN BRANCH" OF LAO DONG. POINTS OUT PRG STILL IN WINGS, WITH POWER IN HANDS NVA MIL MNGMNT COMMITTEE. BELIEVES PRG ORIGINALLY EXPECTED TAKE OVER, BUT HANOI PROBABLY HAD NOT REALIZED COMPLICATIONS OF ESTABLISHING CONTROL OVER CAPITALIST, CONSUMER-ORIENTED SOCIETY. NOTES HANOI MOVING TO REPLACE NVA OCCUPATION FORCE BY RECRUITING FOR SVNPLAF. ON FOREIGN POLICY, NVN DECIDED DEVELOP CLOSER RELATIONS WITH USSR; IS AMBIGUOUS ABOUT RELATIONS WITH US, WHICH MAY MEAN PARTY IS UNDECIDED OR DIVIDED. RECOMMENDS US-NVN SITUATION SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED FREEZE IRREVOCABLY (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

13. DIEGO GARCIA

FORMER AMB MCGHEE (WSTAR 7/27) BELIEVES WITH OR WITHOUT DIEGO GARCIA, US DESIRE MATCH USSR NAVAL STRENGTH IN INDIAN OCEAN HAS LITTLE MERIT SINCE BORDERING STATES OPPOSE MILITARIZATION. DOUBTS NAVAL PRESENCE GIVES US MUCH LEVERAGE IN DEALING WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. NOTES REACTION OF LITTORAL STATES, INCLUDING MALAYSIA, AUSTRALIA, INITIALLY UNFAVORABLE TO EXPANDING FACILITIES ON DIEGO GARCIA.

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14. PRC/SVN

IN ARTICLE DISCUSSING ATTEMPTS BY NATIONS REGULATE NEWS GOING ABROAD, NYT'S ARNOLD MENTIONS PRC HAS NO OFFICIAL CENSORSHIP FOREIGN REPORTING BUT DOES NOT PERMIT RESIDENT

US REPORTERS, CONTROLS MOVEMENT, ACCESS TO CHINESE CITI-

ZENS OF THOSE GRANTED ENTRY FOR LIMITED PERIODS. POINTS
OUT NEW SVN REGIME HAS LIMITED US REPORTERS, AND CORRES-
PONDENTS THERE CLAIM HAVE TROUBLE GATHERING, TRANSMITTING
NEWS, PHOTOS, FILM; HAVE BEEN STOPPED FROM TAKING PIX ON
STREETS, HAVE DIFFICULTY MEETING PRESS OFFICERS OF NEW
GOVT.

15. MARIANAS

NYT ASKS WHAT SPECIFIC AND WORTHWHILE BENEFITS US WILL RE-
CEIVE FROM GRANTING MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH STATUS; BELIEVES
CONGRESS HEADING FOR "UNNECESSARY AND OMINOUS" RUBBER-STAMP
APPROVAL WHICH US MAY LATER REGRET. ADMONISHES SENATE NOT
ALLOW ITSELF TO BE "STEAM-ROLLED" INTO GRANTING APPROVAL
MARIANAS ANNEXATION (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). INGERSOLL

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